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✓ Episode #2 "The Race for Life"

From the novel by Carl Figdor

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"THE MISTRESS OF THE WORLD"

A Series of Four Tremendous Paramount Pictures

NUMBER TWO—"THE RACE FOR LIFE"

H ELEN NEILSEN goes to China in search of the key to the Queen of Sheba's vast treasure, and while Benson and Dr. Kien Lung are searching for the Hermit, as related in "The Dragon's Claw", natives attack Helen. Benson, is apparently crushed amid the ruins of an old temple which is wrecked by an earthquake, just as he receives the Queen of Sheba's magic jewel.

At the opening of "The Race for Life", Dr. Kien Lung, believing his partner dead, takes the jewel and arrives just in time to save Helen from the enraged Chinese. But Benson is only stunned and is infuriated, thinking Kien Lung has robbed him in order to gain the treasure for himself. Matters being explained the trio board a steamer for Africa and the spot indicated on the treasure map.

With an army of natives they journey to the interior. All seems well until they encounter the warriors of King Makombe. When the King learns that the travellers bring him presents he orders them to be brought before him. The power of the white men's presents arouses the

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MIA MAY
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"THE RACE FOR LIFE"

Characters:

Helen Neilsen... **MIA MAY**
Frederick Benson
Dr. Kien Lung
King Makombe
Malkalla, the witch doctor
Tomba, the king's son

envy of Malkalla, the witch doctor, who thinks that the power is hidden in the jewel which Helen wears. So he plans to steal the contents of the jewel and in the early hours of the morning is successful. Tomba, son of the King, covets the white woman.

Next day Malkalla puts fear in the hearts of the white men's bearers and they return to their own country. The witch doctor tells Benson that King Makombe will give him bearers and, his promise being kept, the expedition resumes its way the next day. But once in the desert, many

days from water, the natives obey Malkalla's instructions and cut the water bags. The doctor with his men and the King's son are waiting a few miles away. Tomba fears the white woman is going to die of thirst and sets out to rescue her. Malkalla and his men attack and in the fight Tomba is killed.

Benson, after a fierce struggle, regains the treasure-map and flees with his two companions, the natives pursuing. At their last gasp they come upon a river and escape by canoes. Benson heads his craft into a tiny opening in the rocky wall of the river but not before an arrow has pierced Kien Lung's heart. Benson's progress is checked by herds of crocodiles. Malkalla falls amongst the ravenous beasts. He vanishes and his terrified followers retreat in haste.

After burying Kien Lung, Helen and Benson push on through the narrow cavern and encounter a massive steel gate. Benson pushes this apart and there before them, in all of its ages-old glory, teeming with life and luxury, stands Ophir, the magic city of their quest.

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